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U.S. Occupied Area of Germany:

In the following Appendices "A", "B" and "C" are summaries of communicable disease cases and deaths by Regierungsbezirk and Land, and case rates by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the week ended 31 January 1948. Summarized in Appendix "D" is a report of Animal Diseases by Land for the half month period ended 31 January 1948 (veterinary reports are submitted semi-monthly) together with a comparison of the three immediately preceding periods.

Communicable Diseases:

An analysis of the communicable disease report for the current week reveals slight decreases in diphtheria, gonorrhea, syphilis, typhoid and paratyphoid fevers, infectious jaundice and measles. For the third consecutive week there has been a decrease in the incidence of diphtheria with a rate of 15.8 per 10,000 population per annum as compared with 16.3 during the month of January 1948 and 22.6 during January 1947. Gonorrhea and syphilis each decreased by a rate of 0.4 from that of the previous week with rates of 38.8 and 23.3 respectively for the month of January 1948 as compared with 45.3 and 25.2 for January 1947. The decreases in typhoid and paratyphoid fevers were slight but a continuation of the seasonal decline of the last four months. In spite of a decrease in the weekly incidence of infectious jaundice the rate for January was slightly higher than for December. Likewise measles decreased during the week but the rate for the month of January was 13.0 and the highest monthly rate since July 1947.

The most marked increase of the week was that of whooping cough with the highest incidence rate since the last week of August. There were also increases in both scarlet fever and tuberculosis. The incidence rate of scarlet fever during January was slightly higher than for December but appreciably lower than during November, the month during which the peak rate for 1947 was reached. In spite of the increase in tuberculosis of the lung and larynx during the week, the rate for January was slightly lower than for December 1947. Influenza also increased from 5.6 to 8.0 during the current week but the January rate remained approximately the same as for December.

Animal Diseases:

There were no significant changes in the incidence of animal diseases reported during this period.

APPENDIX "A"

Communicable Disease Report U.S. Occupied Area of Germany for Week ending 31 January 1948

Regierungs- bezirk	Popu- lation a)	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS from COMMUNICABLE DISEASES														c: Cases d: Deaths															
		Cases, Deaths		Typhus Fever	Smallpox	Anthrax	Relapsing Fever	Cholera	Plague	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis Lung and Larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis	Meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Encephalitis epid.	Rabies	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	
TOTAL US Occupied Area	18,725,000	c	568	313	1148	182	346	9	7	1522	981	57	13	12	1	87	2613	2	—	2	289	449	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	289	449
Unterfranken	1,041,600	c	29	21	49	5	19	1	—	50	48	2	1	1	—	5	192	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,381,400	c	63	50	149	30	36	1	1	184	96	11	1	—	—	29	635	—	—	—	203	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	2,067,500	c	47	8	169	9	40	—	—	112	80	14	3	1	—	5	502	—	—	—	5	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	50
Schwaben	1,254,900	c	32	14	51	14	7	1	1	70	42	5	—	2	—	11	116	—	—	—	16	69	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	69
Oberbayern	2,488,600	c	66	38	160	19	122	1	1	209	167	5	3	6	—	14	331	1	—	—	41	145	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41	145
Kassel	1,275,200	c	54	17	60	17	5	—	3	122	79	1	—	—	—	2	211	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
Wiesbaden	1,605,500	c	41	48	105	16	21	—	—	235	138	4	—	—	—	3	73	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Darmstadt	1,311,300	c	39	27	33	15	24	1	—	74	74	2	—	—	—	3	196	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
Baden	1,440,600	c	57	28	120	11	19	—	1	92	50	3	3	—	—	1	235	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wuerttemberg	2,351,400	c	83	45	108	17	34	—	—	131	68	6	—	—	—	10	83	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21
Bremen	507,000	c	32	3	63	12	19	2	—	115	63	1	1	2	—	4	39	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	2
Berlin (US Sector)	1,000,000	c	25	14	81	17	+	2	—	128	76	3	1	—	—	—	+	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	+

a) Official population estimate established by Civil Administration Division, OMGUS, as of 1 January 1948.

+ Indicates no data submitted. — Indicates no cases reported.

APPENDIX "B" Communicable Disease Report (by Land) U.S.Occupied Area of Germany for Week ending 31 January 1948

Land	Popu- lation a)	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS from COMMUNICABLE DISEASES																										c: Cases		d: Deaths	
			Typhus Fever	Louse Borne	Smallpox	Anthrax	Relapsing Fever	Cholera	Plague	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis Lung and Larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis	Meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Encephalitis epid.	Rabies	Malaria	Influenza	Measles		
Total US Occupied Area	18,725,000	P 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	568	313	1148	182	346	9	7	1522	981	57	13	12	1	—	—	87	2613	2	—	2	289	449		
Bavaria	9,234,000	P 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	237	131	578	77	224	4	3	625	433	37	8	10	—	—	—	64	1776	1	—	—	—	265	391	
Hesse	4,192,000	P 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	134	92	198	48	50	1	3	431	291	7	—	—	1	—	—	8	480	—	—	—	—	—	35	
Wuerttemberg- Baden	3,792,000	P 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	140	73	228	28	53	—	1	223	118	9	3	—	—	—	—	11	318	1	—	1	—	—	21	
Bremen	507,000	P 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	3	63	12	19	2	—	115	63	1	1	2	—	—	—	4	39	—	—	—	—	24	2	
Berlin (US Sector)	1,000,000	P 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	14	81	17	+	2	—	128	76	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	+	—	—	1	+	+	+	

Case Rates Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

Total US Occupied Area	18,725,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.8	8.7	31.9	5.1	9.6	0.2	0.2	42.3	27.2	1.6	0.4	0.3	0.0	—	—	2.4	72.6	0.1	—	0.1	8.0	12.5
Bavaria	9,234,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13.3	7.4	32.5	4.3	12.6	0.2	0.2	35.2	24.4	2.1	0.5	0.6	—	—	—	3.6	100.0	0.1	—	—	14.9	22.0
Hesse	4,192,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16.6	11.4	24.6	6.0	6.2	0.1	0.4	53.5	36.1	0.9	—	—	0.1	—	—	1.0	59.5	—	—	—	—	4.3
Wuerttemberg-Baden	3,792,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19.2	10.0	31.3	3.8	7.3	—	0.1	30.6	16.2	1.2	0.4	—	—	—	—	1.5	43.6	0.1	—	0.1	—	2.9
Bremen	507,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32.8	3.1	64.6	12.3	19.5	2.1	—	117.9	64.6	1.0	1.0	2.1	—	—	—	4.1	40.0	—	—	—	24.6	2.1
Berlin (US Sector)	1,000,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13.0	7.3	42.1	8.8	+	1.0	—	66.6	39.5	1.6	0.5	—	—	—	—	—	+	—	—	0.5	+	+

a) Official population estimate established by Civil Administration Division, OMGUS, as of 1 January 1948.

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APPENDIX "C"

Communicable Disease Rates U.S. Occupied Area of Germany for Week ending 31 January 1948

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation a)	Typhus Fever	Smallpox	Anthrax	Relapsing Fever	Cholera	Plague	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis Lung & Larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis Meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery Infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Encephalitis Epidemic	Rabies	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
Total US Occupied Area	18,725,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.8	8.7	31.9	5.1	9.6	0.2	42.3	27.2	1.6	0.4	0.3	0.0	—	2.4	72.6	0.1	—	0.1	8.0	12.5
Unterfranken	1,041,600	—	—	—	—	—	—	14.5	10.5	24.5	2.5	9.5	0.5	25.0	24.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	—	—	2.5	95.9	—	—	—	—	13.5
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,381,400	—	—	—	—	—	—	13.8	10.9	32.5	6.6	7.9	0.2	40.2	21.0	2.4	0.2	—	—	—	6.3	138.7	—	—	—	44.3	21.8
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	2,057,500	—	—	—	—	—	—	11.8	2.0	42.5	2.3	10.1	—	28.2	20.1	3.5	0.8	0.3	—	—	1.3	126.3	—	—	—	1.3	12.6
Schwaben	1,254,900	—	—	—	—	—	—	13.3	5.8	21.1	5.8	2.9	0.4	29.0	17.4	2.1	—	0.8	—	—	4.6	48.1	—	—	—	6.6	28.6
Oberbayern	2,488,600	—	—	—	—	—	—	13.8	7.9	33.4	4.0	25.5	0.2	43.7	34.9	1.0	0.6	1.3	—	—	2.9	69.2	0.2	—	—	8.6	30.3
Kassel	1,275,200	—	—	—	—	—	—	22.0	6.9	24.4	6.9	2.0	—	49.7	32.2	0.4	—	—	—	—	0.8	86.0	—	—	—	—	4.9
Wiesbaden	1,605,500	—	—	—	—	—	—	13.3	15.5	34.0	5.2	6.8	—	76.1	44.7	1.3	—	0.3	—	—	1.0	23.6	—	—	—	—	2.3
Darmstadt	1,311,300	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.5	10.7	13.1	5.9	9.5	0.4	29.3	29.3	0.8	—	—	—	—	1.2	77.7	—	—	—	—	6.3
Baden	1,440,600	—	—	—	—	—	—	20.6	10.1	43.3	4.0	6.9	—	33.2	18.0	1.1	1.1	—	—	—	0.4	84.8	—	—	0.4	—	—
Wuerttemberg	2,351,400	—	—	—	—	—	—	18.4	10.0	23.9	3.8	7.5	—	29.0	15.0	1.3	—	—	—	—	2.2	18.4	0.2	—	—	—	4.6
Bremen	507,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	32.8	3.1	64.6	12.3	19.5	2.1	117.9	64.6	1.0	1.0	2.1	—	—	4.1	40.0	—	—	—	24.6	2.1
Berlin (US Sector)	1,000,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	13.0	7.3	42.1	8.8	+	1.0	66.6	39.5	1.6	0.5	—	—	—	—	+	—	—	0.5	+	+

a) Official population estimate established by Civil Administration Division, OMGUS, as of 1 January 1948.

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APPENDIX "D"

Incidence of Reportable Animal Diseases in the US Occupied Area of Germany for the Period 15-31 January 1948*

Disease	Land Bavaria	Land Hesse	Land Baden Wurtbg.	Land Bremen	Berlin Dist.	Total USZone 15-31 Jan	Total USZone 1-15 Jan	Total USZone 15-31 Dec	Total USZone 1-15 Dec
Anthrax									
Blackleg									
Coital vesicular exanthema			28			28	9	1	
Contagious abortion of bovine	5					5	9	7	
Dourine of equine									
Encephalomyelitis of equine (& Borna)		2	8			10	32	1	
Erysipelas	51	11	11			73	56	110	173
Foot and mouth disease									
Fowl cholera	3				1	4	1		1
Fowl pest	17		12			29	7	7	11
Glanders									3
Infectious anemia of equine	8	3	4			15	8	15	14
Malignant edema of bovine									
Pox of ovine									
Rabies									
Scabies of bovine			5			5	5	1	
Scabies of equine	15	2	2			19	7	9	8
Scabies of ovine	21	1	3	3		28	11	12	7
Swine fever	1					1	1	2	2
Texas tick fever									
Trichomoniasis	80					80	23		42
Tuberculosis of bovine (open)			7			7	6	16	7
Brood disease of Bees									
Strangles of Horses									
Nosemosis of Bees									

* Figures are newly infected farms.



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